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## Holcomb orders Hoosiers to stay home through April 7

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb has ordered Hoosiers to remain in their homes through April 7 except when they are at work or for permitted activities, such as taking care of others, obtaining necessary supplies and for health and safety. All state government offices will be closed to in-person public activity. All public safety functions will continue.

## Wabash County under a code yellow travel advisory

The lowest level of local travel advisory, code yellow means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas, according to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

## North Manchester Town Council meeting to be live-streamed

The North Manchester Town Council meeting set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1 at the Public Safety Building has been rescheduled for 5 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting No. 2581172934. For more information, visit [zoom.us](https://zoom.us).

## Wabash Marketplace announces April First Friday cancellation

First Friday in Downtown Wabash, originally scheduled

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# ISDH reports first case of COVID-19 in Wabash County

Total number of Indiana residents known to have the virus as of 10 a.m. Monday is 1,786

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

According to the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), the first positive case of COVID-19 was reported in Wabash County late Friday.

“To protect the privacy of patients, Parkview Health cannot provide information about specific patients and/or cases of COVID-19,” stated Tami Brigle, public relations manager for Parkview Health, in response to a Plain Dealer request Saturday. “Some county health departments will release additional information as needed. Keep in mind that not all positive cases are hospitalized, so we cannot confirm if this

case is at Parkview Wabash Hospital.”

As of Saturday morning, ISDH announced 1,232 as the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus. At that time, 8,407 tests had been reported to ISDH, up from 6,936 on Friday.

As of 10 a.m. Monday, the ISDH announced 1,786 as the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the

previous day’s total.

Thirty-five Hoosiers have died.

To date, 11,658 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 9,830 on Sunday.

The complete list of counties with cases is included in the ISDH COVID-19 dashboard at [coronavirus.in.gov](https://coronavirus.in.gov), which will be updated daily at 10 a.m. Cases are listed by the county of residence.

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## Officials recommend getting outside – safely



Photos by James Ehle / [jehle@h-ponline.com](mailto:jehle@h-ponline.com)

Holly Paduga enjoys a hike along one of Salamonie Lake’s nature trails on Wednesday afternoon with her three daughters. They decided to head outdoors to learn about science while school buildings remain closed through May 1.

While state’s Stay at Home order is essential to stop the spread of COVID-19, physical activity can help prevent illness

By **JAMES EHLE**  
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Several people took advantage of the fresh air and sunshine on Wednesday afternoon, which is encouraged by local health officials despite the state’s stay at home order.

While many non-essential businesses will remain closed through at least April 7 and school buildings remain closed through May 1, the sidewalks, trails and recreational areas across the area were alive with people enjoying the outdoors.

Holly Paduga and her three daughters enjoyed a hike along one of Salamonie Lake’s nature trail where they spotted a blue heron flying over the lake. Paduga, a resident of Marion in Grant County, where three COVID-19 cases were confirmed as of Wednesday, decided to give her daughters some real world application

by taking them out into nature.

“Since they’re home with the schools closed, we wanted to do something different,” said Paduga. “The sun is shining. We wanted to get outside and learn about science.”

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb says his executive order, which restricts Hoosiers from non-essential travel, is important to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, which has already killed 14 Indiana residents since March 16. Although the “stay at home” order’s name might sound like a suggestion to stay indoors all day, there are exceptions, including health and well-being.

Salamonie Lake is currently open and free to the public, along with all other DNR properties across the state. Although some of their amenities are shut down due to

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Holly Paduga and her daughters take advantage of Salamonie Lake’s free gate entry during the COVID-19 epidemic. All DNR properties are currently open with no gate fees.

## Mayor closes city hall until at least April 7

The timeline follows Gov. Eric Holcomb’s stay-at-home order

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

In a statement to the Plain Dealer on Saturday, Mayor Scott Long stated the previously announced closure of Wabash City Hall through Monday, March 30 would continue for another week, at minimum.

Long’s announcement follows the same timeline as Gov. Eric Holcomb’s stay-at-home order issued last week.

“In light of the increasing risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus, and to lead by example, I am closing Wabash City Hall until at least April 7,” Long stated. “Should the State of Indiana, through the order of Gov. Holcomb, extend the stay at home order, the city of Wabash will follow that direction.”

Long stated all essential functions of Wabash City Hall may be completed remotely.

Phone calls to the main

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## 2020 INnovate Wabash County Pitch Competition canceled

The event was originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 29

### Staff REPORT

Due to the extended closing of Wabash County school corporations until May 1 in response to COVID-19, Grow Wabash County has decided to cancel the 2020 INnovate Wabash County Pitch Competition originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, according to a press release.

“Collaboration will continue between Grow Wabash County and the Wabash County school districts to further develop entrepreneurship curriculum and Grow Wabash County looks forward to hosting the INnovate Wabash County Pitch Competition in spring 2021,” stated the release. “Grow Wabash County is very proud of all of Wabash County’s promising young entrepreneurs and we look forward to seeing them put their ideas into action in the future.”

## Manchester University waives enrollment deposit for fall

Complete a virtual visit to earn a \$500 per-year visit incentive scholarship

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Manchester University is waiving the enrollment deposit for incoming undergraduate students this fall as part of its overall strategy in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We recognize that students and families are ex-

periencing a lot of disruption right now. We hope that by eliminating the enrollment deposit for this fall, Manchester can help students move forward toward their future at Manchester University,” said Ryon Kaopuiki, vice president for enrollment and marketing.

“If you already deposited, your \$250 will be a credit on your fall bill,” said Melissa West, associate director for recruitment. “If you did not deposit yet, you must complete the Intent

to Enroll form as soon as you are ready to commit to Manchester.”

The form may be found at [manchester.edu/commit](https://manchester.edu/commit)

Because Manchester cannot currently offer on-campus visits and tours, virtual options are available. Those who complete the virtual visit earn a \$500 per-year visit incentive scholarship.

“Our Admissions counselors prepared and practiced for virtual visits with prospective students so that we can give them a

personal Manchester welcome, even though they can’t physically visit campus right now,” said President Dave McFadden.

Like many colleges and universities, Manchester is finding new ways every day to connect with students, including remote classes and advising, access to counseling by phone, and spirit-boosting posts on social media. Meeting in Microsoft Teams, Zoom and other venues has become the new norm.

Instructional design spe-

cialists are sending out daily updates and encouragement as both students and faculty learn to navigate in new spaces.

“In this unusual time, we want you to know that we are in this together,” West said.

Those with questions about admissions may contact the admissions office at [admitinfo@manchester.edu](mailto:admitinfo@manchester.edu).

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.





From left: Don Lobacz, Heidi Kleinrichert, Lee Dunstedter, and Eric May face off in a game of pickle ball – keeping plenty of distance from each other according to CDC guidelines.

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the coronavirus epidemic, the trails, campgrounds and other areas remain open.

State parks, state forests, fish and wildlife areas, nature preserves and state recreation areas are all open in a limited capacity. Families will be able to go outside and take a walk, run or bike ride, but they should continue to practice social distancing by remaining 6 feet away from other people.

The entrance fees at all of the DNR properties have been temporarily suspended.

According to Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Indiana DNR-managed trails and campgrounds at Salamonie, J.E. Roush, Brookville, Mississinewa, Cecil M. Harden (Raccoon SRA), Cagles Mill (Lieber SRA), Patoka and Monroe lakes (campgrounds, wildlife areas, and boat ramps) remain open. However, public facilities managed directly by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at or below the dams at these lakes (tailwater areas, observation mounds, etc.) are closed.

Campgrounds remain open at this time, but advance reservations are required. No walk-ins are permitted. Indiana DNR says they will waive fees for cancellations for anyone who would prefer to cancel or reschedule reservations



Salamonie Lake and all other DNR properties are currently open during the stay at home order, although some facilities may be limited. Gate fees are currently suspended during this time, so entry is free.

due to COVID-19.

“We are committed to waiving fees for cancellations or transfers of reservations and to issuing refunds as requested for campsites held through April 30, 2020,” said James Brindle, DNR communications director. “This time frame may be extended as the COVID-19 status evolves.”

All indoor and outdoor public programs and special events are postponed through April 30. There will be virtual programming added through

social media. The DNR calendar at calendar.dnr.IN.gov will include details and times.

“We will continue to implement recommendations from the Indiana State Department of Health and will follow other directives from the State of Indiana regarding any future closures or cancellations,” Brindle said. “Notifications of any changes will be provided directly to guests and groups with reservations, and added to our property advisories webpage and the DNR calendar.”

5-Day Weather Summary

Tuesday  
Cloudy  
44 / 35

Wednesday  
Mostly Cloudy  
50 / 37

Thursday  
Partly Cloudy  
55 / 44

Friday  
Mostly Cloudy  
59 / 43

Saturday  
Few Showers  
56 / 45

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 8:12 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:30 a.m.

First 4/1

Full 4/7

Last 4/14

New 4/22

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies, high temperature of 44°, humidity of 67%. North wind 7 to 10 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 35°. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 30°. Wednesday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 50°, humidity of 66%.

Keeping your hands clean best way to stay healthy

**DEAR DOCTOR:** Why do you have to wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds? Are they not getting clean if you've only got cold water? And why is 20 seconds the magic number? What about hand sanitizers?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier

**D E A R** Ask the Doctors



**R E A D E R :** Handwashing is in the news right now due to the coverage of the new coronavirus, COVID-19, as well as our ongoing flu season. It's an important topic because, although the exact means of transmission of the new coronavirus isn't clear yet, we do know how influenza spreads, and COVID-19 is likely to be similar.

In addition to inhaling aerosolized droplets from an infected person's cough or sneeze, influenza spreads through contact with surfaces that have been contaminated by the virus. This can be direct contact, such as when you shake hands with someone infected with the virus, or indirect contact via a contaminated surface or object. If you come into direct contact with the virus and then touch your own mucous membranes, you risk infecting yourself. This includes rubbing your eyes, nose or mouth; biting your nails; eating with your hands; dabbing on makeup; or just resting your chin in your hands. All of this leads to two bits of important advice – don't touch your face, and do wash your hands. The first relies on awareness, while the latter is all about technique.

Start by wetting your hands with clean, running water. The temperature of the water doesn't play a role in efficacy; it's just that warm water is more comfortable to use. If cold water is the only option, that's fine. What matters most is that you work up a lather with soap – any kind of soap will do – and carefully clean all of the surfaces of your hands. Be sure to wash the palms and backs of the hands, the fingers, the knuckles, the webs between the fingers and the areas around and beneath the nails. Doing this carefully and thoroughly, with gentle pressure to create friction, takes in the neighborhood of 20 seconds. Then rinse well and dry thoroughly.

Frequent handwashing can dry out the delicate skin on your hands, so carrying a travel-size moisturizer can be a good idea.

As for hand sanitizers, studies have shown that although they can be helpful, washing with soap and water is the most effective at removing a variety of pathogens. Hand sanitizers may not be as effective when used on hands that are dirty or greasy.

When using a hand sanitizer, it's important to choose one that is alcohol-based, at a concentration of no less than 60 percent. The product label will state the concentration of alcohol. Don't skimp. Always use the amount of sanitizer that the label recommends. Then spread the liquid over all of

the surfaces of your hands and rub gently until they are dry.

Hands clean? You're not quite done yet. There's another object that that makes frequent contact with your hands and face – your phone. Check manufacturer directions, and add cleaning your phone to your daily routine.

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SUNDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5  
01-07-09-14-20  
Estimated jackpot: \$100,000  
Cash4Life  
03-29-38-45-53, Cash Ball: 1  
Daily Three-Midday  
7-6-7, SB: 3  
Daily Three-Evening  
1-7-8, SB: 9  
Daily Four-Midday  
8-5-9-5, SB: 3  
Daily Four-Evening  
7-1-5-3, SB: 9  
Mega Millions  
Estimated jackpot: \$113 million  
Powerball  
Estimated jackpot: \$170 million

MONDAY'S METALS

Aluminum......68  
Copper.....2.17  
Lead......75  
Zinc......83  
Gold.....1,619.38  
Silver.....14.01  
Platinum.....729.98

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices Monday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.43. Soybeans: \$8.83.



# Obituaries

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### Nancy Watkins

July 11, 1936 – March 28, 2020

Nancy L. Watkins, 83, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 7:55 a.m., Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born July 11, 1936 in Wabash, to Jesse and Minnie P. (Parsons) Cole.

Nancy was a 1954 graduate of Lagro High School. She married Loren Harvey “Harve” Watkins in Madison, Indiana on Oct. 18, 1958. She was a homemaker. Nancy enjoyed going to casinos, playing cards, and going to garage sales and flea markets.

She is survived by her husband, Harve Watkins of Wabash, three children, Tena Herron of Wabash, Tobin Watkins of Lucas Lake, Florida, and Amy Maples of Wabash, eight grandchildren, Chad Morris of Wabash, Lesley (Chad) Nelson of LaFontaine, Indiana, Trent (Kelly) Watkins of



Panama City Beach, Florida, Travis (Chuck) Watkins of Destin, Florida, Tyler (Ashley) Watkins of Southport, Florida, Jamie (Mike) Kuzemka of Bloomington, Indiana, Aleese Maples of Panama City Beach, and Mescha Watkins of LaFontaine, and nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Troy Douglas Watkins, two brothers, and five sisters.

There will be a private service and entombment in the Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum, at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash with David Phillips officiating. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

The memorial guest book for Nancy may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

### James Trout

Nov. 12, 1950 – March 26, 2020

James Lester Trout of Roann, Indiana died Thursday, March 26, 2020 at his residence at the age of 69.

He was born Nov. 12, 1950 in Terra Alta, West Virginia to Pansy Grace (Hull) Trout and Charles Theodore Trout.

James will be laid to rest with a private graveside service at Oakwood Cemetery of Warsaw, Indiana. Arrangements will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Rev. Haley Asberry officiated. Judy Ward, Susan Keefer, and Jennifer Denney were the musicians. Scriptures were read

by Hap’s children Arthur Dragoo and Mary Gospel. Pallbearers were Arthur Dragoo, Mary Gospel, Tom Gospel, Michael Gospel, Allison Gospel, Benjamin Dragoo, Adam Dragoo, and Buddy Drybread. Burial was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

### John Dragoo

Funeral services for Dr. John “Hap” Dragoo, 94, of Wabash, were 1 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Rev. Haley Asberry officiated. Judy Ward, Susan Keefer, and Jennifer Denney were the musicians. Scriptures were read

by Hap’s children Arthur Dragoo and Mary Gospel. Pallbearers were Arthur Dragoo, Mary Gospel, Tom Gospel, Michael Gospel, Allison Gospel, Benjamin Dragoo, Adam Dragoo, and Buddy Drybread. Burial was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

### Brayton Chapman

Brayton Leroy Chapman, infant son of Kyler Chapman and ShyAnn Walters, passed away Wednesday, March

25. There will be a private service. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service of Wabash.

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for Friday, April 3, has been canceled. At this time, Wabash Marketplace still proceeding with the event on May 1. For more information, visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org) or call 260-563-0975.

### Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

■ Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.

■ BMV: Closed until at least April 7. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.

■ Community Foundation of Wabash County: Individuals with questions may email [patty@cfwabash.org](mailto:patty@cfwabash.org) or [julie@cfwabash.org](mailto:julie@cfwabash.org), or call 260-982-4824.

■ Division of Family Resources: Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at [www.fssabenefits.in.gov](http://www.fssabenefits.in.gov). DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.

■ Honeywell Foundation: All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended through Saturday, April 11.

■ Living Well in Wabash County: The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.

■ Manchester Community Schools: Closed through Friday, May 1.

■ Manchester University: Remote teaching for students will last through the end of the semester. Residence halls will close for the remainder of the semester. All campus activities for the remainder of the semester have been canceled or postponed. Spring Commencement ceremonies are canceled.

■ MSD: Closed through Friday,

May 1. Spring Break is scheduled from April 3 to 10.

■ The North Manchester Center for History: Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NMCH Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory](http://www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory).

■ North Manchester Public Library: Closed until April 7. Except for hotspots, no materials will be due during the closure. All online events will stream on the NMPL Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/) and will then be archived on the Online Programming Archive. For more information, email [nmpl@nman.lib.in.us](mailto:nmpl@nman.lib.in.us), call 260-982-4773 or visit [www.nman.lib.in.us](http://www.nman.lib.in.us).

■ St. Bernard School: Closed through at least April 7.

■ Wabash Carnegie Public Library: Closed through at least April 13. Overdue fines for all times except Wi-Fi hotspots waived until further notice. For more information, email [warew@wabash.lib.in.us](mailto:warew@wabash.lib.in.us) or visit [www.wabash.lib.in.us](http://www.wabash.lib.in.us) or [www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary).

■ Wabash City Hall: All public meetings postponed. Public access to the building will be restricted during this time. Citizens should visit [www.cityofwabash.com](http://www.cityofwabash.com) to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services. Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at [covid19info@cityofwabash.com](mailto:covid19info@cityofwabash.com).

■ Wabash City Schools: Closed through Friday, May 1. Current e-learning days include Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, except for the week of April 6, which is spring break.

■ Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays through April 3.

■ Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department: Closed to the public except by appointment. Payments and other documents for these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit [www.wabashcounty.in.gov](http://www.wabashcounty.in.gov) or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.

■ Wabash County Judicial Center: Closed to the public through April 6. A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents. The Wabash County Elections office may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238, Wabash County Circuit Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241, Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext.

1254, Wabash County Court Services at 260-563-8466 ext. 1276, Judicial Annex Court Security: 260-563-0661 ext. 1261 and Wabash County Clerk of the Courts: 260-563-0661 ext. 1239.

■ Wabash County Museum: Temporarily closed until further notice.

■ Wabash County Solid Waste Management District: Offices and warehouse closed to the public until further notice. 24/7 drop sites at 1101 Manchester Ave. and at the Hardware in North Manchester will remain open for regular recycling. For more information, call 260-563-7649.

■ Woman’s Clubhouse: Closed through at least May 8.

■ WorkOne: Closed until further notice. Contact staff by phone at the Wabash location at 260-563-8421.

■ Winchester Senior Center: All daily activities suspended until at least April 13.

### Schools providing meals even during closures

■ Manchester Community Schools: On Saturdays, MCS will distribute a box containing food for breakfast and lunch for five days to each child ages 1 to 18. (The child must be present.) The distribution will be at the following places and times: Manchester Elementary School: From 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Door No. 8. (This is a different door than last week.); Manchester Intermediate School: From 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Door No. 1; Manchester Jr./Sr. High School: 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the back drive by tennis courts. (Please enter from Market Street.); Disko: From 4 to 4:20 p.m. (Look for the school bus.); Liberty Mills: From 4 to 4:20 p.m. (Look for the school bus.); and Servia: From 4:45 to 5:05 p.m. (Look for the school bus.)

■ MSD: Sites include: Meadowbrook at the bus stop; Urbana Yoke Parish Church; Lagro United Methodist Church; Roann Paw Paw Township Public Library; Metro North Elementary at door 14; La Fontaine United Methodist Church; Somerset in front of the convenience store; Friends Church in the north parking lot; and Southwood Jr./Sr High at Door No. 5. Pickup time has changed to 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. at all nine locations. This continues April 1, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29. Even those who had signed up on the first form that was created last week should complete the updated form by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/rdaron2>.

■ Wabash City Schools: Schools began serving food only on Mondays and Wednesdays. Three breakfasts and three lunches will be served on Mondays. Three breakfasts and three lunches on Wednesdays. Several

Wabash Cafe locations will also be serving food Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, including 11 to 11:15 a.m. at Southside Firestation, 1470 Vernon St., City Park, 800 W. Hill St., and St. Matthew’s United Church of Christ, 1717 N. Wabash St.; 11:45 to noon at Friendship Hill playground beside the YMCA, and Wabash North Wesleyan Church, 600 Manchester Ave.; and 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. at Hannah Park, 775 E. Hill St., Ivy Tech back parking lot, 277 N. Thorn St., and Church, 1206 N. Cass St.

### Living Well in Wabash County offers food, transportation, support

The Friendly Caller Program may be reached by calling 260-563-4475 to request a daily call to check in on you during this time when seniors will be home more than usual. Living Well in Wabash County will now pick up and deliver pre-paid groceries and essentials within Wabash County. For more information or to request special delivery call 260-563-7536. The service is based upon availability. This temporary delivery service is free to adults age 60 and older; normal one-way transit fees apply for 59 and under. Until further notice, the county-wide transit system for all ages is operating for essential travel only which is work, food, pharmacy and pre-scheduled medical within Wabash County. The hours of operation for the system are from 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those wanting to schedule a ride or delivery should call dispatch from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling 260-563-536 or toll-free at 888-498-4400. The deadline to schedule next day transit rides is 4 p.m. Adults age 60 and older ride Wabash County Transit by donation. Riders age 59 and younger pay \$2 per one way trip in Wabash and North Manchester with rides anywhere else in Wabash County at \$4 per one way trip. Low-income households can apply for the Share the Fare program.

### Access Youth Center offers free lunch sack on weekdays at two locations

The Access Youth Center’s Drive-Thru will be open from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and feature a lunch sack of snacks, protein and fruit provided at the door. Both locations will be open during this time: One on the south side, New Journey Community Church, 1721 N. Vernon St. and one downtown at the AYC headquarters at 74 W. Canal St. For more information, visit

### CITY HALL

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Wabash City Hall number at 260-563-4171 will be answered by voicemail.

“Personnel will monitor the voicemail and return calls as soon as practical,” stated Long. “I recommend that email be used predominantly for inquiries, as these are typically monitored in real-time remotely. All city departments (including) street, parks, wastewater, police, fire and building have been instructed in all precautionary measures in regards to working safely, and as such will remain working and performing

critical functions. We will notify the public via our Facebook page and the local news media. As all employees are working remotely from home, no changes in compensation or benefits will take place. This is a time of unknowns for all of us, and I am taking these steps to ensure the safety and security of city hall personnel and their families. As mayor, I will continue to interact remotely.”

Long stated anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email mayor@cityofwabash.com.

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### POSITIVE

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Private lab reporting may be delayed and will be reflected in the map and count when results are

received at ISDH. This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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[www.accessyouthcenter.org](http://www.accessyouthcenter.org) or call 260-563-2070. On Mondays, Pizza King will provide pizza for both locations.

### Second Harvest Food Bank seeks volunteers, donations

Those who are interested in volunteering may contact Kellie Arrowood, volunteer coordinator for Second Harvest, by calling the office at 765-287-8698, emailing [karrowood@curehunger.org](mailto:karrowood@curehunger.org) or visiting [www.CureHunger.org](http://www.CureHunger.org).

### New dates, postponements, cancellations set for Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre events

■ Honeywell Center: Hairball rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 18. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date. “Finding Neverland” has been canceled and ticket holders will receive an email with information regarding their refund.

■ Honeywell House: Cabaret!!!, Dinner Chamber Series “Opus Two,” Conversations on Renovation and Eagles Theatre Ballroom Dances into the Future will be rescheduled, but does not yet have a set date.

■ Eagles Theatre: Top of the Charts rescheduled for Thursday, June 18. Tribute to John Denver rescheduled for Thursday, July 23. Buckets N Boards will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date.

### Parkview Wabash partners with volunteers to produce PPE

The mask-making kits may be picked up from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 3718 New Vision Drive, located on the Parkview Regional Medical Center campus in Fort Wayne. Volunteers should turn on to New Vision Drive from Diebold Road. Signs will be posted to indicate where you can drive up to easily receive the kits without leaving your vehicle. All completed masks can be returned to the Fort Wayne location or to your local Parkview community hospital.

### Community Foundation establishes COVID-19 assistance program

Eligible individuals who may apply for assistance grants are individuals who have lost their jobs, income or wages related to COVID-19 business closures and layoffs, and have no other significant source of income; and are still working and need to provide for childcare (ages 0 to 12) due to school and daycare closures,

and have no other significant source of income. Wabash County citizens who meet the above criteria can request applications for assistance by contacting the Community Foundation COVID-19 Assistance Program Partners who serve as applicant sponsors including REACH, WAMA or their respective township trustee. To assist, visit [www.cfwabash.org](http://www.cfwabash.org) or mail a check to 105 W. Second St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962, with the COVID-19 Assistance Program in the memo line. For more information, email [patty@cfwabash.org](mailto:patty@cfwabash.org) or [melissa@cfwabash.org](mailto:melissa@cfwabash.org) or call 260-982-4824. If you are unsure of your township, visit [www.stats.indiana.edu/maptools/townships.asp](http://www.stats.indiana.edu/maptools/townships.asp) to view the map of Wabash County. For more information on the Township Trustees, visit the County Departments tab on the Wabash County Government website at <http://wabashcounty.in.gov/cgi.exe>.

### Road closure scheduled for Indiana 114

Culvert replacements are scheduled for Indiana 114 from County 1200 North to Indiana 15 in Wabash County. The road closure is scheduled to begin in mid-April but may begin at the end of April due to weather. The five-day closure will allow maintenance crews to complete the replacement of multiple culvert pipes. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained through the work. The official state detour for the closure will be Indiana 14 to Indiana 15. The work is scheduled to be complete by April 17, weather permitting. Motorists can expect to see signage up as early as the week of April 1.

### 2020 Honor Student luncheon canceled

Grow Wabash County has decided to cancel its annual Honor Student Luncheon originally scheduled for Thursday, April 16. Questions regarding the event’s cancellation may be directed via email to [marketing@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:marketing@growwabashcounty.com) or by calling 260-563-5258.

### Ivy Tech in Wabash’s Monopoly Night postponed

Ivy Tech Community College’s 11th annual Wabash Monopoly Night, a free event originally scheduled for April 24 at Eagle’s Theatre, has been postponed. No rescheduling has yet been announced.

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplainedealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplainedealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*



# Opinion

## SPEAK UP

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## LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to [news@wabashplainedeal.com](mailto:news@wabashplainedeal.com) with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



## DAILY SCRIPTURE

But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children – with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

**Psalm 103:17-18**

## OUR TAKE

# The more data, the better

You might think the average American should be entitled to know information that could save their life, their family's lives or their neighbors' lives.

Well, think again. Why doesn't the state of Indiana want you to know how long testing takes? Why do you have to find this information on comment threads on Facebook from people who've been tested?

Why can't we know how many tests are being done in our local community? Why are we not allowed to know the exact number of ventilators within our county borders?

Maybe it's just chaos or maybe it's because the government doesn't think we're capable of interpreting the data.

When facts aren't provided to the public, a lot of "maybes" get tossed around.

Without transparency, rumors begin to swirl like a destructive tornado. People are left to take wild guesses (emphasis on the word wild) that then turn into misinformation. It's hard to protect people from a tornado after it's torn through a town.

Instead of seeing data, our

nation is hearing: "Trust me, we're good."

Social distancing is helping flatten the curve, which should allow for our healthcare facilities to handle this virus as it spreads without going over capacity.

Please, do your part to protect yourself, your family and others by heeding the warnings from the health care officials.

If too many people get sick all at once, hospitals will need to choose which patient gets to use a ventilator as we've seen from news reports out of Iran, China and Italy. This shouldn't be alarming to us. It should alert us.

Let's do everything in our power to stop this from happening here.

It's clear that the government is taking steps to protect our health, and our local officials along with our masked heroes are giving their all to ensure our safety, but we need more transparency and as much information as possible.

Our local officials are doing a fine job of sharing the knowledge they have at their disposal, but we need our state govern-

ment to do more.

The Indiana State Department of Health posts the number of tests completed across the state each day, but they should also be posting the number of tests completed for each county.

Right now there are counties in Indiana that don't have any confirmed cases. But people in those counties shouldn't get a false sense of security. Like Grant County officials said before the first positive test showed up: act like everyone has this virus.

No matter how poorly our federal or state officials are doing, we – as a community – should do whatever is within our power to stick together and listen to what the health professionals are telling us.

These doctors, nurses and heroes have one agenda: stop COVID-19.

Since we don't have the data to properly inform ourselves on how many tests are being done or how many ventilators are at each healthcare facility, we need to err on the side of caution.

Do your part. Stay informed. Inform others. And always fight for transparency.

## LETTERS

### President needs to listen to medical experts

"We can't have the cure be worse than the problem," says our president. It sounds like he is pushing back against some of his medical advisers and wanting to prematurely loosen restrictions.

So if the "problem" is the possibility that at least thousands of the lives of our fellow Americans would be lost, what can be worse than that? It makes one wonder if he is thinking it is more important that the economy would reinvigorate and help his re-election effort. After all, he has already shown his willingness to pressure an ally (Ukraine) to investigate a political opponent.

I would love to have an end to all the restrictions and go back to life as normal as much as the next guy, but not at the risk of endangering many lives. If restrictions are relaxed too soon it will result in wide-spread illness and death and with overcrowded hospitals not able to keep up. That decision will not help the economy. There is plenty of medical expertise available to this president. He needs to listen up.

**By Dean Beery  
North Manchester**

### Trump's tardy coronavirus response

Chinese farmers brought virus-contaminated animals to a marketplace in Wuhan China. Humans contracted the virus at the market, medical personnel reported it to the authorities, but Chinese leaders decided to cover it up. This allowed the virus to spread around the world.

The Trump administration downplayed the potential severity of the virus outbreak. This delayed the response and preparations by medical agencies and state and local governments to combat the virus. In January our intelligence agencies warned Trump of the impending coronavirus outbreak, but he ignored them.

Trump said the coronavirus was a "new hoax" by the Democrats. He blamed the media for fake reporting about it. He said it was no big deal and it would quickly disappear.

Trump is more concerned with a depressed economy adversely impacting his reelection, and he is disregarding advice from medical professionals and trying to muzzle leading infectious disease authorities within the country. Governors and mayors should ignore Trump and implement their measures, including their timelines, and not go with an arbitrary Trump timeline.

We have an inept and blundering President during a serious crisis who is endangering the lives of millions of Americans.

**By Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry, New Hampshire**

# Reaching out to victims of stalking, and sexual, domestic violence

**By LINDA WILK**

In this time of social distancing, and now the governor's stay in place order, my concern for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking is more heightened than ever.

At the core of these crimes is power and control and often time's one of the things an abuser will do to exert that power and control are to isolate their victim.

Now, I completely understand and agree with the governor's order to stay in place, I just want all to know that Hands of Hope, a division of Family Service Society is open and fully capable of assisting victims at any moment.

This means that our 24-hour helpline is up and running as always, with trained staff. This also means that a victim can reach us by text. It means that we continue to have outreach services so that a victim can meet with an advocate to discuss resources, options and safety plans. Outreach advocates are also available by phone.

It also means in dire physically violent situations, we can offer a safe place to stay at the Flannery-Keal Home. Like everyone, we do need to take precautions and make sure we are not bringing in a victim who instead needs to be medically treated first.

And, our Hands of Hope Clinical Licensed Therapist is still offering our support group, just in a different format. Instead of meeting as a group, Erin has recorded and we have posted her weekly group on our Hands of Hope Facebook page.

So, please know that you are not alone – Hands of Hope is there to answer questions, lend support or just a listening ear. To reach Hands of Hope staff 24 hours a day, call 260-563-4407 or text 765-618-4082.

You may also find helpful information on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/INHandsofHope](http://www.facebook.com/INHandsofHope) or Family Service Society's website at [www.famservices.com](http://www.famservices.com).

We are all in this together – and our goal as always remains to be there for every victim, meeting them where they are and providing whatever guidance, resources and assistance we can.

*Linda Wilk is the director of Hands of Hope, a division of Family Service Society.*

## HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 31, the 91st day of 2020. There are 275 days left in the year.

### Highlight in history:

On March 31, 1968, at the conclusion of a nationally broadcast address on Vietnam, President Lyndon B. Johnson stunned listeners by declaring, "I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for another term as your President."

### On this date:

In 1811, German scientist Robert Bunsen, who helped develop the Bunsen burner, was born.  
In 1880, Wabash, Ind., became the first town in the world to be illuminated by electrical lighting.  
In 1931, Notre Dame college football coach Knute Rockne, 43, was killed in the crash of a TWA plane in Bazaar, Kan.  
In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Emergency Conservation Work Act, which created the Civilian Conservation Corps.



# We are still under-reacting to COVID-19 risks

No individual human life is possessed of infinite value. At least, none of us behave as if it does. No matter how fully each of us wishes to live, we inevitably take risks. We ride in automobiles, eat food prepared by unknown hands, trust in medicines and home appliances tested by scientists. At some point, nearly all of us take some risks to save another, care for or comfort a loved one, or volunteer for some public service that risks injury or death.

Economists have long worked to place a dollar value on individual human life. We do this so that we can better understand how rational people value their own lives and those of others. Some of that calculation is readily tractable. It is straightforward to estimate lifetime earnings or the contributions someone can make to their care of their family. Estimating the value that others place upon life is harder. We acknowledge that companionship has value but is much harder to calculate than lifetime earnings.

Of course, people don't do mental mathematics this way any more than a teenage gymnast on the uneven parallel bars solves differential equations in her head. Instead, we have social norms that help guide us. These are in full display in decisions of life and death. Here an example tells a clear story.

Suppose we were to find ourselves in a burning building with others. The strong help the weak, the fleet support the slow. We expect children, the elderly, and the disabled to be evacuated first. Perhaps we do this with the implicit knowledge that at some time, nearly all of us find ourselves as children, disabled or elderly. More likely it is because that is what is expected of us by society. This is a tacit acknowledgment that individual life possesses existence value. Successful societies develop rules of thumb to recognize that value.

The poets tell us that risk or sacrifice we make for one another is a noble thing, or a supreme sign of love. To this cold-hearted economist, it is

instead evidence of unvarnished rationality, or the simple calculus of survival. Amid COVID-19, we find ourselves squarely in the realm of these calculations.

I write this to make clear that those who think we are overreacting or should immediately re-open our economy are profoundly mistaken.

Epidemiologists in the U.S. now estimate that without extreme actions, COVID-19 will infect more than 70 million Americans, and as many as 150 million. The case fatality rates in the most densely infected places run more than 6.0 percent. In the best places, it is more than 1.0 percent. As I mentioned in my last column, combining treatment costs and value of life estimates reveals that the expected cost of the COVID-19 disease is about \$7 trillion.

Hopefully, the epidemiologists are very wrong about the widespread risks of transmission; maybe they have incorrectly calculated the case fatality rate. Perhaps the value of life estimates should be lower than average because this illness afflicts mostly older persons. Still, these are estimates from scientists who've spent a career not just studying but materially adding to the science on these issues. It takes a special hubris and ignorance to disregard these warnings.

Those of us who do the mathematics of modeling disease or recessions must do so with some humility. Some of the various estimates of the disease are surely wrong, but the error is not asymmetric. Outcomes could be far better, or far worse than the mathematical predictions suggest. So, the \$7 trillion cost estimate for the U.S. employs the more optimistic estimates. It could just as easily be far, far worse.

To prevent having to bear a \$7 trillion cost, most of the world's leaders have chosen responses that guarantee a recession. That

recession of choice is now upon us. According to a study published last week by my center, about one in six U.S. jobs are at risk from our extreme social distancing. First-quarter corporate earnings reports will be shocking. Job losses in March, April and May will break all records. This is a recession of choice, in the same way rationing in World War II was a choice. We endure something bad so to prevent something worse, and we bear the burden unequally.

We are not overreacting to this disease. Indeed, thus far, a back of the envelope cost-benefit analysis argues that we have profoundly under-reacted to these risks. The loss of \$7 trillion is a full third of GDP this year, and as of this writing, we've spent nothing like that to reduce risk. Moreover, the immediate costs of entirely closing our economy for a month are perhaps \$550 billion. Of course, we aren't shutting down most of our economy. Healthcare, schools, government, food production and delivery all operate.

I don't know how long we should remain shut down to limit the transmission of this disease. Such a decision must combine what we know about the spread of this disease and the costs and benefits of our policy choices. What I do know is that public policy in the form of federal relief can substantially reduce the costs of this shutdown. I also know that a rigorous and unemotional benefit-cost analysis concludes that the current economic shutdown can continue for many months before the costs of doing so outweighs the benefits.

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# Medical setback causes man to cut ties with girlfriend

**DEAR ABBY:** I had a boyfriend for two years until a few days ago. He's a 40-year-old easygoing paraplegic (from a car accident long before I met him), and I'm an easygoing 36-year-old woman with two kids from a previous marriage. We had a great connection, a similar outlook on life and had the same interests in pretty much everything. He adored my girls. We would all go to a movie every so often or to dinner occasionally, but mostly we would stay in and play games or watch TV when we were spending time together.

I'm his first girlfriend, so he was new to the concept of having someone love him in spite of every little flaw he had (which were very few). I told him so many times that no matter what was wrong, I was going to stick by his side.

Recently, he's had a medical problem with a few ulcerated sores. This sometimes happens to paraplegics. Unfortunately, his doctor has said he needed to leave his apartment temporarily and go into a nursing facility to get round-the-clock care. A few months went by, with plenty of visits from friends, family, and me and my daughters. (He always introduces us as his family.)

The doctor now says he may need to stay there for a year, and I know he became immediately depressed. He sent me a text saying he thinks we should just be friends, and he doesn't want a reminder of what he can't do anymore. I feel like this isn't him, that he's jumping to rash conclusions because of stress. I don't want to end the relationship. I'm willing to keep moving forward and get through this speed bump together.

He won't answer my calls or texts, and I'm at a loss about what I should do next. I want to keep him so badly. My heart aches every day worrying about this. He may lose a year of freedom, but I'm losing a lifelong companion. — Heavy Heart In Pennsylvania

**DEAR HEAVY HEART:** You really have no choice but to follow this man's lead, so do as he has asked. Remember, you promised to support him no matter what. Agree to be "just friends," although it won't be easy if he wants to remain incommunicado. In the meantime, stay as active with other friends as you can. Above all, do NOT allow yourself to become socially isolated because he has chosen to isolate himself.

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter "Frances" is currently applying for graduate school and is dating a man who works in human waste management. She lives in the dorms at school. Her brother "Harry" was at a party recently, and a young lady told him the "poop pumper" has been trying to get some alone time with her. I feel I should tell Frances that her guy is on the prowl. They have been dating since Frances was 16, and my wife and I have always thought she could do better. Should we tell her? — Holding My Nose In Ohio

**DEAR HOLDING:** No, HARRY should tell his sister about the person he met at the party and exactly what he was told. Coming from her brother it will sound less like "I told you so." As to your comment that Frances "could do better," if you're referring to the boyfriend's chosen field, be aware that people in waste management can earn a very good living doing a very important job.

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## Dear Abby



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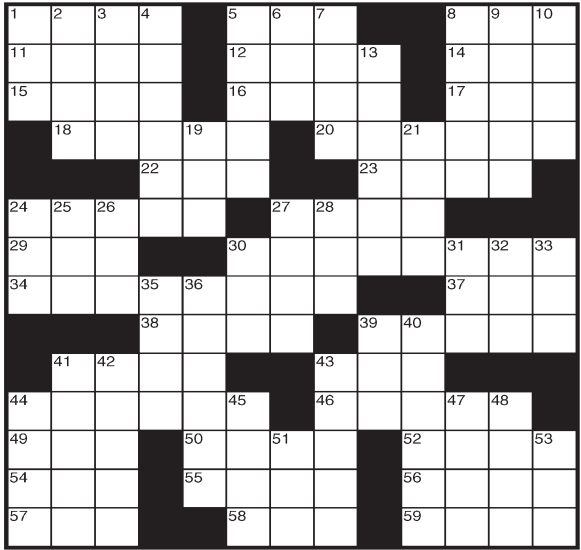
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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8	6	7	5	1	3	9	2	4
1	2	3	9	4	8	7	5	6
4	5	9	6	2	7	3	1	8

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

EMNVO  
OMRHU  
KANWEE  
DADCIN

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Answer here:

Answers tomorrow

Saturday's Jumbles: MESSY SENSE UNEASY GALLOP  
Answer: When the teacher taught subtraction to the students, it was a — LESSEN LESSON

### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

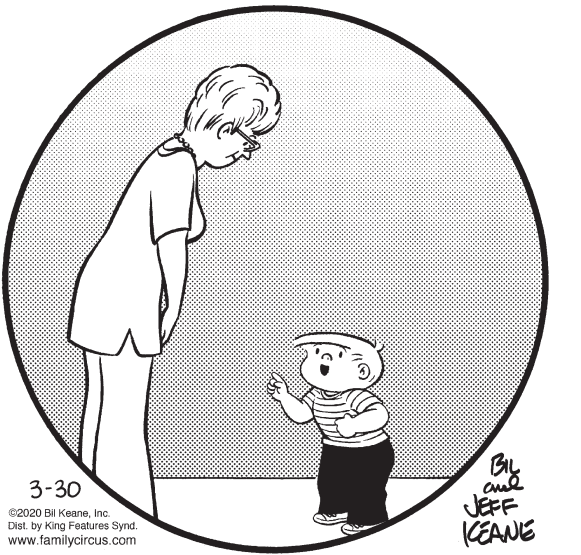


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By Bil Keane

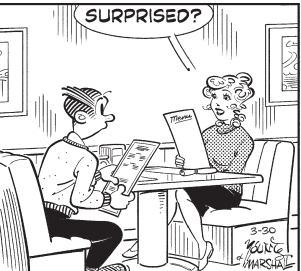
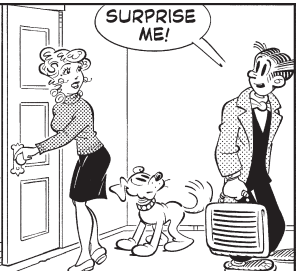
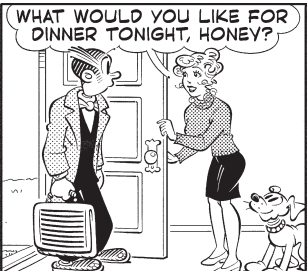


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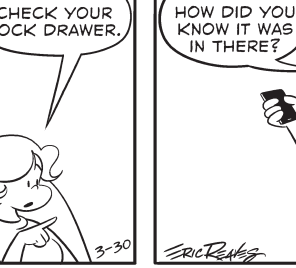
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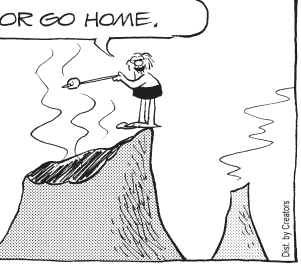
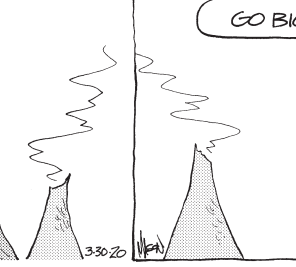
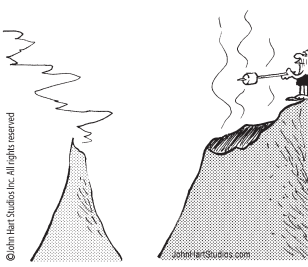
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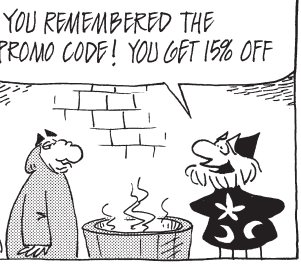
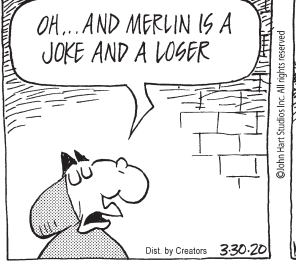
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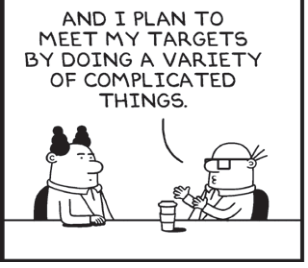
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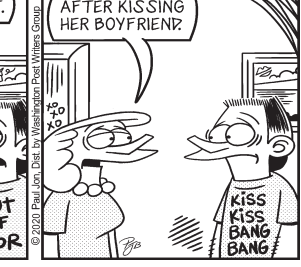
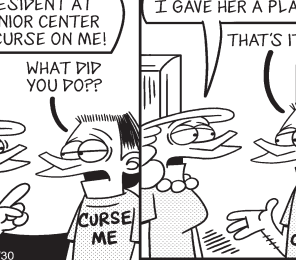
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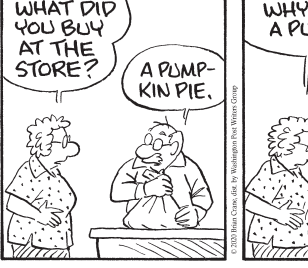
## GARFIELD



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## PICKLES



## Pure hearts will be Christlike

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** There's a lot said in religion about people's hearts being wicked, but does the Bible speak of God's heart; does He have a heart like man? — H.S.

**A:** God created mankind in His image. "For the mouth of the Lord has spoken" (Isaiah 1:20). "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro... to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chronicles 16:9). "Seek His face continually" (Psalm 105:4, NASB).

The Bible also speaks of God's heart in relation to man: "The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14). He searches the heart and probes our innermost thoughts. "I, the Lord, search the heart" (Jeremiah 17:10).

God ponders the heart. "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord [ponders] the hearts" (Proverbs 21:2). People may rationalize the way they live and say that it's all right. God doesn't take our evaluation.

God weighs the heart and declares that man's heart is deceitful (Jeremiah 17:9). He weighs us by the life of Christ and we all fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). But He has made a way of redemption, to bring us into fellowship with Him through salvation. This is the work of God.

What does the Bible say about the heart of Jesus Himself? His perfect and compassionate heart; His glorious heart, His loving heart, His tender heart, broke for the sins of mankind and He became the sacrifice for our sins. He who knew no sin became sin for us and paid the penalty in full (2 Corinthians 5:21). O what a Savior!

Pure hearts will be Christlike. It's God's desire that we be conformed to the image of His Son. "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you" (Ezekiel 36:26). This is the heart of God.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"ZHBROHVBZVA UH UDV WYEJOL  
HW NJXN RHGFOYA SDYU YB  
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JBRGAUXL!" — SJOJYE ADYUBVX

Previous Solution: "I don't spend time wondering what might be next; I just focus on trying to savor each day." — Trisha Yearwood

TODAY'S CLUE: equals 6



# Revenge on cheating fiance is delivered on wedding day

**DEAR ABBY:** This is an open letter to all those women who write to you knowing their men cheated on them and then ask, “Should I marry him?” In their hearts they already know the answer; they just want YOU to tell them “NO!”

**Dear Abby**



My mother saw my fiance’s car parked at various churches and parking lots. He parked there so I wouldn’t see his car at “the other woman’s” house. Well, I showed up unexpectedly at his place one night and saw them both asleep in his bed. In a way, I felt relieved.

I knew I had to do something. I immediately canceled everything, but had the wedding invitations printed and gave them to his mom and sister to send out “right away.” When the big day arrived, I sat across the street in Dad’s car with my mom, watching as only HIS side of the family showed up at the vacant church. The note on the door read: “Stay with ‘Jazmine.’ You two deserve each other! Now tell your family what you did.”

I explained everything to my parents an hour later over dinner at the restaurant where we were supposed to have had our reception. We were all relieved the wedding was canceled. We laughed so much, and we reviewed all the signs that my mom tried to show me that I had ignored.

So don’t get mad, ladies. Do what I did – dry your tears and get even. – Never Looked Back

**DEAR NEVER:** Love is blind, and you should have listened to your mother. You’re lucky you found out in time and didn’t marry your faithless fiance. While I don’t normally recommend revenge, I think in this case, the man had it coming.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 52 years old and have experienced chronic fatigue (from Lyme and Epstein-Barr) most of my adult life. Four years ago, I discovered a wonderful medical practitioner and, by adhering to her protocol, regained such improved health that I began volunteering with a local organization. Due to a recent setback, however, fatigue has prevented me from volunteering, and my absence has been noticed.

Although I am usually a private person, I decided to divulge my health issues to the leader so he wouldn’t think I was unhappy with my duties. He then began asking if I had tried various health products and remedies to the point where I felt I was on trial and defending myself. In the past, before I received an accurate diagnosis, some family members and physicians doubted the validity of my illness, so I am sensitive to being questioned.

Over the years, I have sought treatment from various sources, from local health stores to nationally recognized hospitals, and I don’t appreciate advice from healthy armchair experts. I also don’t like being questioned or doubted. Did I set myself up by disclosing my health issues, or should I have remained polite but vague? – Survivor In The East

**DEAR SURVIVOR:** In a sense, yes, you did set yourself up by disclosing the reason for your absence. The medical conditions from which you suffer were poorly understood years ago, and many people – medical personnel included – were under the impression that their patients’ problems were all in their heads. Please try to be less defensive where this person is concerned. From my perspective, he was only trying to be helpful.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

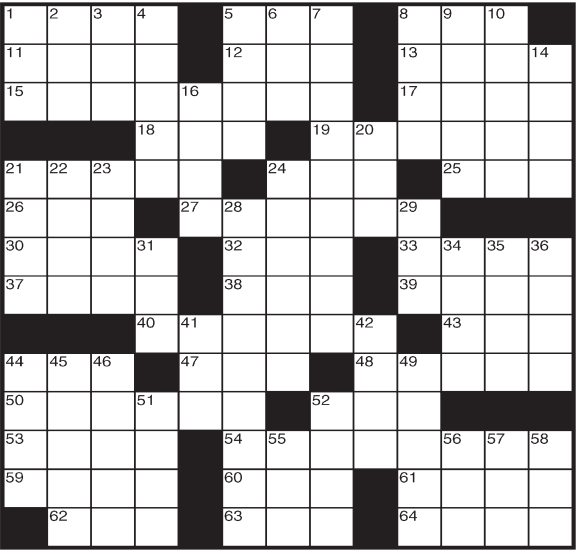
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- 32 Extinct bird
- 33 Moby Dick’s foe
- 37 Strive for
- 38 Fasten temporarily
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- 48 Evaluate
- 50 Seafood tidbit
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- 59 French state
- 60 No, to a laird
- 61 Waiter’s burden
- 62 Baja loot
- 63 Economic ind.
- 64 Wise one

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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AHS GONE  
IRISH STEM  
MIA EPIDEMIC  
PONIESUP AVE  
ROAD SPREE  
BLOC ORE  
PRUNES SILLS  
RUG NORATOED  
ETERIK EBAY  
PER EPA DOME

- 9 Ranch rope
- 10 Radio — (toy company)
- 14 Stow cargo
- 16 Spaghetti seasoner
- 20 Umbrage
- 21 Heron kin
- 22 Broad valley
- 23 Fish habitat
- 24 “I” trouble?
- 28 Causing to become worse
- 29 Crash into
- 31 Firmament
- 34 Egg-layers
- 35 On the briny
- 36 Newborn
- 41 Just scrape by
- 42 First name in cheese-cake
- 44 Decorated tinware
- 45 Temple city of Japan
- 46 Wilde or de la Renta
- 49 De-ices the roads
- 51 Oz canine
- 52 Go off, as an alarm
- 55 Aykroyd or Marino
- 56 A Gershwin
- 57 Zig’s opposite
- 58 Watch carefully



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## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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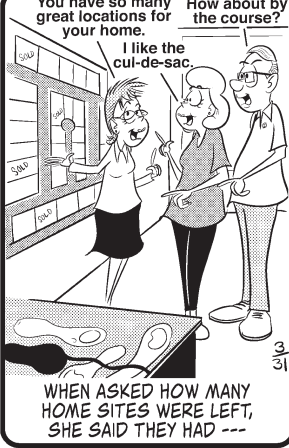
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Yesterday’s Jumbles: VENOM HUMOR WEAKEN CANDID

Answer: When the tourists used Sydney’s metro to get around, they were — DOWN UNDER

### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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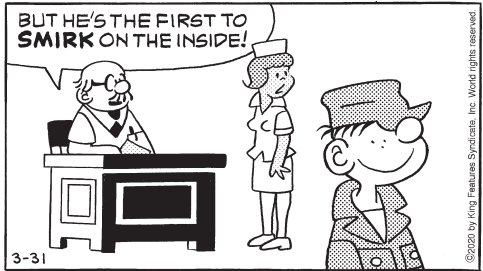
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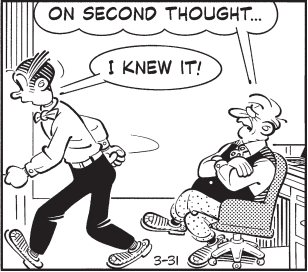
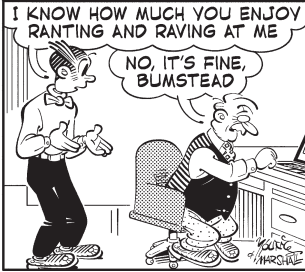
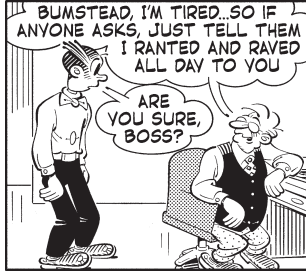
“Mommy’s putting insecticide on my cut.”

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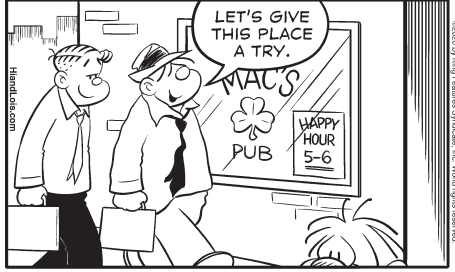
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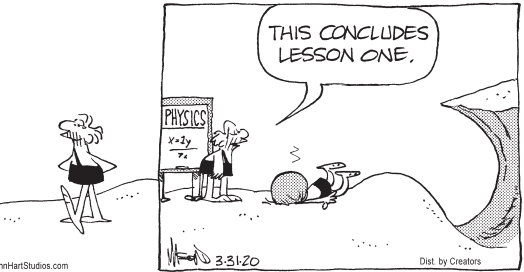
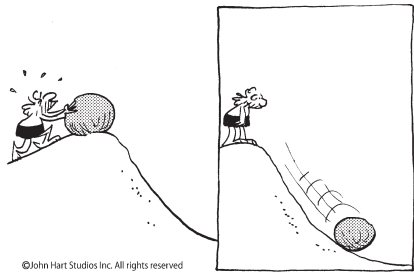
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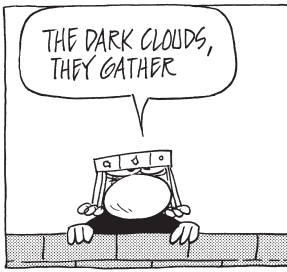
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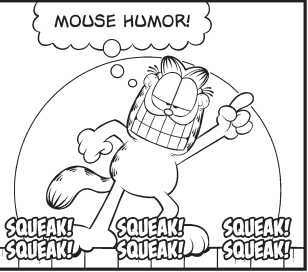
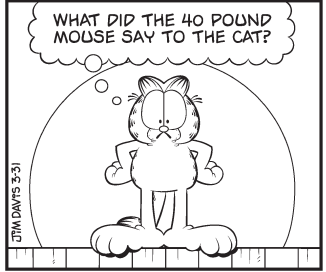
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## PICKLES



## Those who belong to God’s Kingdom are transformed from the inside out by His power

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** I am a political science student but am disillusioned by those who say that because America was founded on Christian principles it will never fall. Does the Bible speak about a nation’s sovereignty? – P.S.

**A:** The Bible is filled with knowledge about the nations and kingdoms of the world, but the one Kingdom that will never fall is the Kingdom of Almighty God. When Jesus lived on earth, Rome was a prosperous, growing empire. It possessed a military, artistic and ethical superiority over other nations and was equipped intellectually and militarily to hold the place as the world’s No. 1 power. But Jesus saw the

whole structure of the Roman Empire as something fleeting and temporary.

The Roman world did end, the Empire did fall. Caesar’s “great society” disintegrated. But Christ’s Kingdom Society will endure forever. It will endure because the Kingdom Society is not built on the false promises of mere men.

How does the Kingdom of God differ from man’s created societies? Conversion is a requirement of citizenship. Jesus Christ said, “Unless

you are converted ... you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3). Those who belong to God’s Kingdom are transformed from the inside out by the power of God, delivered from the power of darkness. “In [Him] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:14). The Kingdom of God is built one soul at a time, for the Bible says: “The one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out” (John 6:37).

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Previous Solution: “Condolences to the family of Kirk Douglas. What an incredible icon he was in this industry!” — William Shatner

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# Business

## IDOI requests insurance companies make COVID-19 allowances

Changes sought due to the declaration of a public health emergency

STAFF REPORT

Due to the declaration of a public health emergency throughout the State of Indiana as a result of COVID-19, and the issuance of Gov. Eric Holcomb’s Executive Order 20-05, on March 19, the Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) issued Bulletin 252 to assist consumers, businesses, and entities regulated by the IDOI, according to a press release.

In Bulletin 252, the IDOI requests all insurance companies and HMOs in Indiana to institute a moratorium on policy cancellations and non-renewals of any insurance policy in effect for a policyholder in Indiana to allow a grace period for any policyholder in Indiana for a period of 60-days for any premium payment due from March 19 to May 18.

Bulletin 252 also addresses cost-sharing and prior authorizations for COVID-19 testing services and treatment. The IDOI reminds health insurers and HMOs about the enactment of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act Public Law 116-127, (H.R. 6201), and interprets that increase prices or coverage costs involving medical care given for COVID-19.

“To ensure healthcare access to all Hoosiers,” Commissioner Stephen W. Robertson in Bulletin 252 temporarily suspended requirements for providers participating in the Indiana Patient’s Compensation Fund (PCF) to hold an Indiana license. Out-of-state licensed providers are eligible for the credits and rate reductions listed in Rule 21 and Rule 60.

For more information, visit [www.in.gov/idoi/3109.htm](http://www.in.gov/idoi/3109.htm). Questions regarding this Bulletin should be directed to Heather Alford by emailing [HALford@idoi.IN.gov](mailto:HALford@idoi.IN.gov) or calling 317-232-2421.

## COVID-19-related business resources available

### Hotline open for businesses, industries with COVID-19 questions

The Critical Industries Hotline will be reachable by calling 877-820-0890 or by emailing [covidresponse@iedc.in.gov](mailto:covidresponse@iedc.in.gov).

### Grow Wabash County launches COVID-19 business impact survey

Grow Wabash County created a survey in partnership with several local organizations to collect information to gauge the local impact to all of our business community. The survey may be found by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/vsvmv4b>.

### Wabash Marketplace announces Business Interruption Loan

Members of Wabash Marketplace are able to apply for the Business Interruption Loan. There are no application fees and the loan offers up to \$5,000 for a maximum term of 24 months. Those interested in the loan program

are encouraged to review the loan details on the homepage of [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org). The next step is to email [info@WabashMarketplace.org](mailto:info@WabashMarketplace.org) or leave a message at 260-563-0975.

### SBA offers small businesses financial assistance

Small businesses are eligible for financial assistance under the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program for small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in Indiana. To apply for loans, visit [SBA.gov/Disaster](http://SBA.gov/Disaster) Contact 800-659-2955 or [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) with questions. The deadline to apply is Dec. 18.

### Grow Wabash County ready to help businesses, nonprofits

Businesses and nonprofits with questions may email [info@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:info@growwabashcounty.com) or call 260-563-5258. For more information, visit [www.growwabashcounty.com/contact-us/covid-19-resources/](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/contact-us/covid-19-resources/).

## FSA services in Indiana available by phone appointment only

### Loan-making process relaxed and flexibility added

STAFF REPORT

The United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA’s) Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and FSA staff are available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions, according to a press release.

Additionally, FSA is relaxing the loan-making process and adding flexibilities for servicing direct and guaranteed loans to provide credit to producers in need.

FSA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only.

“While our program delivery staff will continue to come into to the office, they will be working with our agricultural producers by phone and using email and online tools whenever possible,” stated

the release.

FSA is delivering programs and services, including farm loans; commodity loans; Farm Storage Facility Loan program; disaster assistance programs, including signup for the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (this includes producers now eligible because of losses due to drought and excess moisture in 2018 and 2019); safety net programs, including 2020 signup for the Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs; conservation programs; and acreage reports.

FSA is relaxing the loan-making process, including extending the deadline for applicants to complete farm loan applications; preparing Direct Loans documents even if FSA is unable to complete lien and record searches because of closed government buildings. Once those searches are complete, FSA would close the loan; and closing loans if the required lien position on the primary security is perfected, even for loans that

require additional security and those lien searches, filings and recordings cannot be obtained because of closed government buildings.

FSA is extending deadlines for producers to respond to loan servicing actions, including loan deferral consideration for financially distressed and delinquent borrowers.

FSA will temporarily suspend loan accelerations, non-judicial foreclosures, and referring foreclosures to the Department of Justice. The U.S. Attorney’s Office will determine whether to stop foreclosures and evictions on accounts under its jurisdiction.

Guarantee lenders can self-certify, providing their borrowers with subsequent-year operating loan advances on lines of credit and emergency advances on lines of credit.

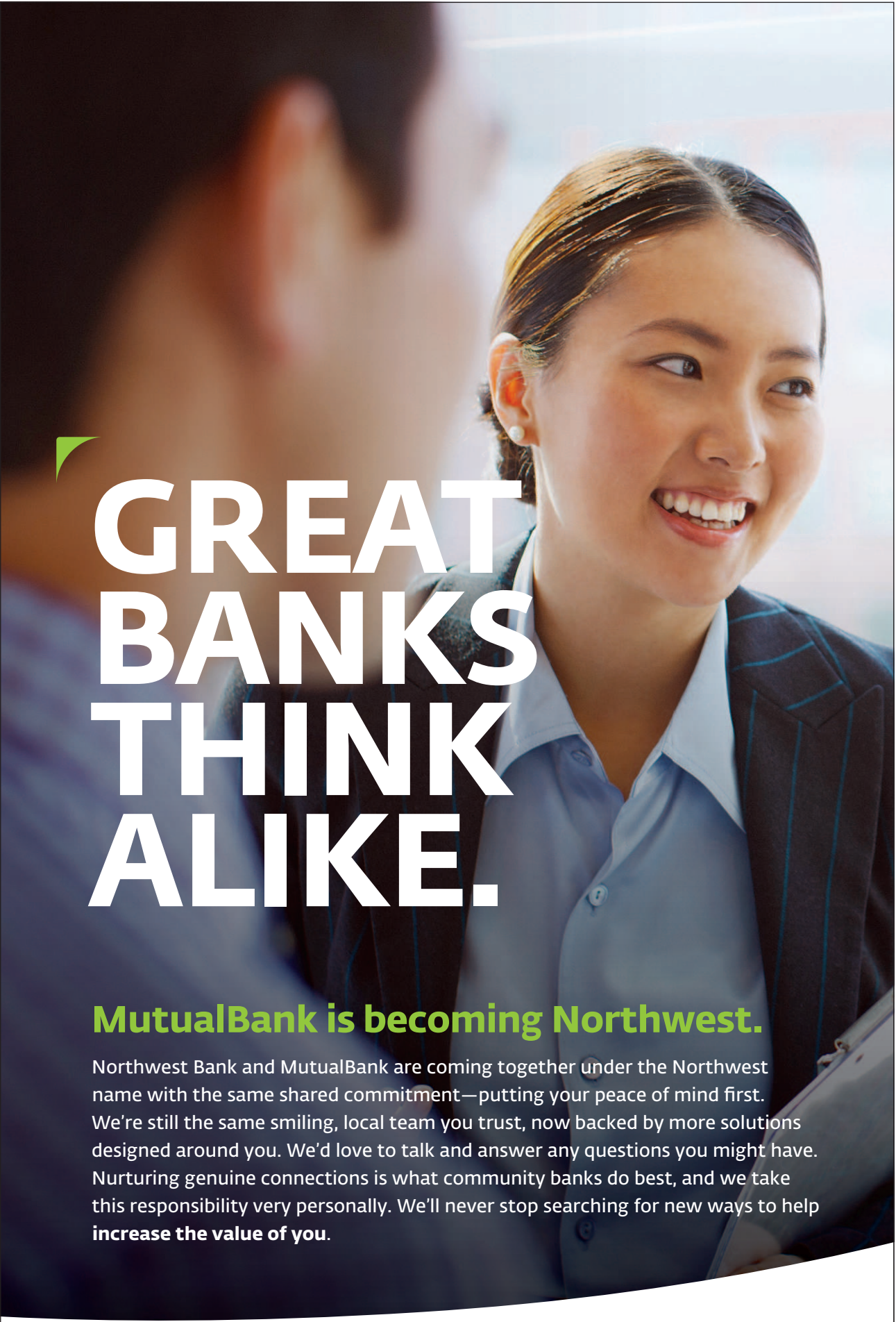
FSA will consider guaranteed lender requests for temporary payment deferral consideration when borrowers do not have a feasible plan reflecting that family living expenses, op-

erating expenses and debt can be repaid; and temporary forbearance consideration for borrowers on loan liquidation and foreclosure actions.

FSA will be accepting additional forms and applications by facsimile or electronic signature. Some services are also available online to customers with an eAuth account, which provides access to the farmers.gov portal where producers can view USDA farm loan information and payments and view and track certain USDA program applications and payments. Customers can track payments, report completed practices, request conservation assistance and electronically sign documents. Customers who do not already have an eAuth account can enroll at [farmers.gov/sign-in](http://farmers.gov/sign-in).

FSA encourages producers to contact their county office to discuss these programs and temporary changes to farm loan deadlines and the loan servicing options available.

For Service Center contact information, visit [farmers.gov/coronavirus](http://farmers.gov/coronavirus).



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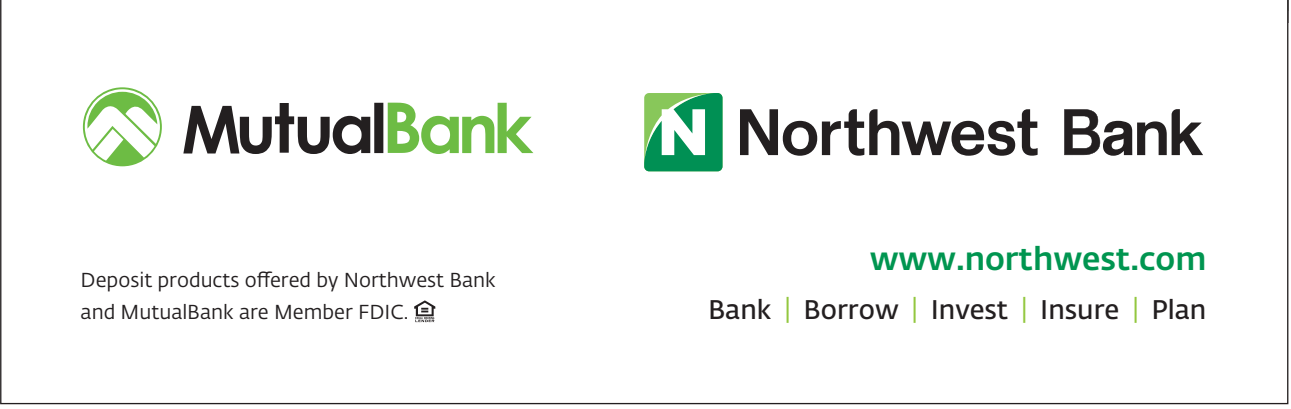
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